

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21 and 23-27 are presented for examination.

Method Claims 24-27 are new.

The manual advancement of the guidewire, using only one hand, is clearly described in the specification--see page 3, lines 16-18; page 6, lines 22-31 ("one handed operation"); and page 7, lines 13-25; also see FIGS. 2 and 4. Thus the present invention clearly discloses not only a unique apparatus, but also a unique method of manually advancing the guidewire of such apparatus, using only one hand, all the way to the desired intracorporeal location (such as the heart).

In view of the above amendments and remarks, a prompt examination of all claims is respectfully requested.

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